The engendering of census and data gathering systems should be a priority.

There is need for enhanced UN system support for efforts at security gender equality and development.

So, Mr. Chairman, Sir, I will request this House to pass this Resolution unanimously.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution passed.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. PROCLAMATION IN RELATION TO BIHAR

THE MINISTER OF POWER MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): Mr. Chairman, Sir, with regard to the Resolution for approval of President's rule in Bihar, quite a large number of Members in the House, had requested me earlier that I should make an announcement before this House on the decision of the Government and I had said that I would do so when the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address ends, and it was supposed to end today in the normal course. But, of course, now it will carry on for a little more time because of the adjournments. I must inform this House, through you, Sir, that a meeting of the Cabinet took place this morning and it was decided to recommend to the Rashtrapatiji for revocation of President's rule in Bihar....(*Interruptions*).....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please let us hear what he says. *(Interruptions)* Please let us hear what he says. (*Interruptions*) You have started speaking even before hearing him. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Mr. Chairman, Sir, Rashtrapatiji is out of station. He will be reterning tonight. All formalities in respect of revocation will be carried out after his return. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, nothing. (*Interruptions*) No, no, nothing more. (*Interruptions*) That is alright (*Interruptions*) After the revocation you can.....(*Interruptions*)....Now, Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu. (*Interruptions*)

MOTION OF THANKS ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka): Mr. Chairman, Sir, yesterday a decision was taken by the Government to revoke the President's rule in Bihar. The reason is known to one and all in the country. There was unanimous demand for the dismissal of the Bihar Government because it was not functioning in accordance with the Constitution of India. The hon. President of India also, in his speech, said, "Bihar has witnessed a series of massacres of innocent people in recent times, many of them targeted at Dalits. These mass killings have brought immense pain and anguish to all of us. The first duty of any Government is to protect the life and property of citizens, especially those who are poor and socially oppressed." As the Government came to the conclusion that the State cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the State was put under the President's rule.

But, unfortunately, for political reasons, for short-term political gains, certain parties have come together to bring back the *jungle raj* in Bihar. Sir, I feel that the entire country, today, will be shocked by this legislation because they all know who is responsible for this decision. People are eager to have early elections in Bihar, but unfortunately my Congress friends, my Leftist friends want to bring back the *jungle raj* in Bihar and they want to make the sufferings of people of Bihar to continue for some more time. Sir, hisotry will remember this double standard of political parties who have taken a particular stand earlier and now took a totally opposite stand. ....(*Interruptions*).....